

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/666,910

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/29/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 29-61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 11/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Volejnicek on 12/11/06.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

A user interface (132)--be it graphical (GUI) or telephony (TUI) to an application (120) is defined by stored interface and feature description documents (122,124) written in XML and JavaScript, so that the user interface and changes thereto can be effected without access to source code. Interface description documents define the appearance and the behavior of the user interface toward the user, while feature description documents define the interaction of the user interface with the interfaced-to application, both in conformity with a user-interface object model (310). Stored connector object plug-ins (126) define connector objects for rendering elements of feature description documents, and stored layout object plug-ins (128) define layout objects for rendering elements of interface description documents of one or more interfaces.

**Claim 54 (Currently Amended)** An arrangement comprising:

description documents, stored in a computer readable-medium, that define a user interface, comprised of interface elements, in the terms of an object model, some of the

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description documents defining a first type of the user interface and others of the description documents defining a second type of the user interface;

renderers, implemented in a computer, each for rendering a different one of the interface elements, some of the renderers for rendering the first type of the user interface and others of the renderers for rendering the second type of the user interface; and

an interface implementation engine (interactor), implemented in a computer, for parsing the description documents of a selected either type of the user interface to identify the elements of the selected type of user interface, for reflecting the identified elements into the object model to generate an instance of the object model that represents the selected type of the user interface, for loading the renderers corresponding to the reflected elements into the interactor to create a renderer of the selected type of the user interface, and for executing the renderer to create the selected type of the user interface.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 29-61 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

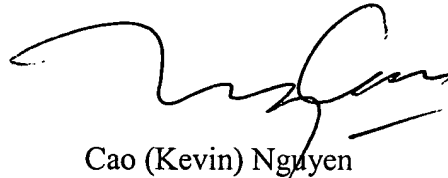
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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeza can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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